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Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0024 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0024] Figure 2 shows a germicidal lamp of the present invention based upon modifications to the lamp of Figure 1. The lamp 10 of Figure 2 has the cover section removed, and it is replaced by ~~replaced~~ a UV light shield 20. The light shield 20 has an aperture 16, allowing light from the UV light source 18 to pass out of the shield. The light shield 20 may form the aperture by having side walls 24 with an upper edge 26 and a lower edge 28, and a top plate 30 provided at the upper edge 26 of the side walls having the aperture 16 formed therein. The aperture 16 may be formed to various sizes and shapes to allow UV light to pass from the UV light source 18. In a preferred embodiment, the light shield is formed from tinted translucent plastic that acts as a filter of UV radiation. In the preferred embodiment, the tint color is golden orange. This shield allows a user to observe when the UV light source 18 is illuminated, while shielding the user from harmful UV light. Alternatively, the light shield may be an opaque plastic or metal shield that is impenetrable to UV light. The light shield may be molded as a single piece.